

MARBLE MILL DESTROYED

Vermont Marble Co. Sustain Loss.

NEARLY SIXTY THOUSAND

Fire Started Last Evening From Hot Box in Wheel House and Big Building Burned Quickly.

Rutland, Dec. 9.—A large mill at Center Rutland belonging to the Vermont Marble company was practically destroyed by fire tonight with its contents of stock and machinery. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000, partially covered by insurance.

The fire started at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon from a hot box in the wheel house. The mill was provided with a hose system fed by a pump but this proved a fatal arrangement as the fire started by the pump and catching into some ropes leading from it to the roof set the whole upper part of the building on fire.

WILL LENGTHEN SEASON.

National Base Ball League Will Play 154 Games Next Year.

New York, Dec. 9.—The National League of professional base ball clubs at its second day's session at the Hotel Victoria today decided to lengthen the base ball season. This will not allow the teams of the two major leagues who win the pennants to play for the championship of the world.

WORKING WITH PRUDENCE.

For Interests and Rights of Japan in Far East.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The emperor today opened the Japanese Diet. In his speech from the throne referring to the situation in the far east the Mikado said, "My ministers are now conducting with prudence and circumspection, important international negotiations for the preservation of peace in the far east and the preservation of Japanese rights and interests."

POPE MAY NOT RATIFY.

Appointment of the Bishop of Columbus Made Today.

Rome, Dec. 10.—After much divergence of opinion the congregation of the propaganda today chose the Right Rev. James Hartley of Steubenville, Ohio, for bishop of Columbus. It is doubtful if the Pope will ratify the appointment.

WAY BEHIND RECORD.

Six Day Bicycle Racers at New York Not Near It.

New York, Dec. 10.—At 9 this morning nine of the twelve teams pedaling at Madison Square Garden had made 1,399 miles. The other three were a few miles behind. The record for this hour is 1,580 miles.

RELEASED FROM BOGUS COURT.

Countess Russell Who Was Married to Bogue Count.

London, Dec. 10.—Countess Russell today obtained a decree nisi in her divorce suit against her coachman husband, William Brown, who married the countess while posing as the Prince of Modena.

HURRICANE TORE OFF ROOFS.

Zanzibar, Dec. 10.—A hurricane today tore off the roofs of the Sultan's palace and other buildings. Great damage was done.

THE RIVALS.

For a performance of rare enjoyment—one that theater goers will enjoy with more than ordinary pleasure—attention is called to the presentation at the Blanchard opera house, Montpelier, Friday, Dec. 11, of the brilliant comedy, "The Rivals," with Joseph Jefferson, Jr., and William W. Jefferson in their clever characterizations of Sir Lucius O'Trigger and Bob Acres.

TRIAL OF MRS. MARY M. ROGERS.

The Beginning of a Bennington County Murder Case.

Bennington, Dec. 10.—The trial of Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, charged with being implicated in the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, in August, 1902, began yesterday morning.

Mrs. Rogers was brought into court looking bright and animated. She displayed but little nervousness as she glanced over the crowd that filled the room. She was somewhat pale as a result of her long confinement in jail. A large part of the audience consisted of women.

State's Attorney Shakhshober says that by trying Mrs. Rogers first, he expects to save the state the expense of one trial. Important testimony, it is expected, will be given by Morris Knapp, who, it is claimed, Mrs. Rogers expected to marry soon after her husband was out of the way. Knapp has been out of the state for over a year, but returned to testify in the case.

PLATTSBURG WANTS TO PLAY.

Would Like to Join Proposed Base Ball League.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—Preparations for a base ball team in this city next summer are still progressing and the indications at present are very favorable. T. K. Milne, one of the chief promoters of the scheme, returned yesterday from Plattsburg, N. Y., where he secured the promise of a team from that place to enter the proposed league of which Burlington will without doubt be a member.

MAY HAVE BEEN ROBBED.

Man Picked Up on Burlington Street With Cash on Hand.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—A man with a broken head, so drunk that he could not walk and destitute of money or other valuables, was picked up by several members of the Sherman band last evening on College street just above Pine street. He was taken to the city hall, where police officers were notified. He was taken to the jail and searched. A deep gash, clothed with blood, showed just over his right temple and he had the appearance of having been roughly handled. It is probable that he was met by men, who seeing his intoxicated condition, knocked him on the head, robbed him and then left him in the gutter.

FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLARY.

Daniel Butler, an ex-Soldier, Tried to Escape from Jail at Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 9.—Daniel Butler, the ex-soldier who tried to escape from the Chittenden county jail last Sunday night, was found guilty of burglary in city court yesterday and sentenced to three years in the state's prison at Windsor. Butler was also sentenced to two additional years for his attempt to gain his freedom. When he was taken from his cell several saws were found on his person and there is no doubt but he intended to make another attempt at escape had he been given time.

HIRAM ATKINS' ESTATE.

Daughter Enters Suit in Chittenden County for Receiver for Newspaper.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—The long litigation between Miss Catherine Atkins of this city, daughter of the late Hiram Atkins of Montpelier, and her uncle took a new phase yesterday when Miss Atkins' attorneys filed in Chittenden county clerk's office a bill in chancery for the appointment of a receiver for the Argus newspaper property.

A THREE WEEK'S WATER SUPPLY.

A serious Outlook Reported at White River Junction.

White River Junction, Dec. 9.—The Hartford Water Co.'s reservoirs near here, which supply this village and West Lebanon, N. H., with water for drinking and hydrant purposes, have in storage water sufficient to supply the usual demands for about three weeks in case no rain falls within that period.

Notice to Claimants.

All members of Clan Gordon No. 12 are requested to send in their address to the secretary, James Elrick, 18 Maple avenue, on or before the 15th of December, so as to insure them of receiving the new publication of the Fiery Cross. Anyone failing to comply with this request may not receive the paper as a new and correct list has got to be sent to the new publishers.

Shrewsbury Man Charged With Rape.

Rutland, Dec. 10.—A. P. Murray of Shrewsbury was arrested by Deputy Sheriff E. S. Whitaker yesterday on the charge of committing rape on 13-year-old Leah Carter of the same town. The case will be taken up in city court late this afternoon.

Baron Stanley of Alderby Dead.

London, Dec. 10.—Baron Stanley of Alderby is dead.

Notices.

All union members comprising the building trades of Barre and vicinity are requested to meet in Carpenters hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 10, at 7.30, to consider the adoption of trades rules and such other business as may come before the meeting. Per order Local 451, C. & J. of A. S. R. Doty, Sec.

Death of A. C. Spire.

Montpelier, Dec. 9.—A. C. Spire died in New York this morning, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. He had lived in this city about seven years and had been engaged in the fur business.

WILL EXAMINE THE COMPANY

Corson Gold Mine to Be Investigated.

VT. STOCKHOLDERS AGREE

But Will Not Withdraw Suit—K. W. Morse of Barre Said He Was Pleased With Situation.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 10.—A satisfactory adjustment between the directors and interested stockholders of the Corson Gold Mining company was made at their adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon, whereby a committee of reorganization and adjustment was appointed to investigate the affairs of the company.

The committee appointed is able to untangle the affairs of the company, it will result in the reorganization of the company under the laws of some New England state, a scaling down of the stock and the turning over of the property to the new company.

There appear at present to be some incumbrances on the properties, of which the directors expressed a belief of being able to take care, and which they say will offer no obstacle to the new development of the properties.

The delegation from Vermont, several of whom are complainants in the suit against the company, are in town, and last night the club claim that the races are so poorly attended that they cannot make it pay to hire the track and it is probable that the club will not rent the track next year.

COULDN'T MAKE IT PAY.

Gentlemen's Driving Club Have to Meet a Defeat.

The Gentlemen's Driving club of this city held a business meeting in the city council room last evening, for the purpose of settling up all accounts incurred by the club during the past season.

SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Man Supposed to be Concerned in Rutland Robbery.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 10.—A man supposed to be George G. Murphy, was arrested in this city yesterday for the Rutland, Vt., authorities. He is alleged to know something of a break which was committed in a Catholic convent in Rutland, in which money to the amount of \$400 was taken.

FOR SHOOTING FAWN.

Two Montpelier Men Arrested Yesterday Afternoon.

Montpelier, Dec. 10.—Josi Ray and Domingo Cabrera, Spaniards, were arrested yesterday afternoon charged with killing a fawn on Beila slide Tuesday. They were in court last evening and waived examination. Bail was set at \$300 each, which was furnished.

To Revive Fairlee Granite.

Fairlee, Dec. 9.—Boston parties have been in Fairlee stopping with E. P. Kendall in view of making arrangements to work the Orford Black granite, also the Hagg quarry, formerly the Fairlee Granite Co. It is proposed to use the Fairlee granite for columns and building work only, and the Orford Black for cemetery purposes and for sawing into slabs for shingles and all inside work.

SUGAR.

Few persons probably are aware that sugar was unknown to the ancients. Neither Greek nor Latin has any word for it. The word saccharin is derived, signified a sweet juice crushed from the bamboo.

CORN SPIRITS.

Four and a half gallons of spirits can be made from a bushel of corn.

The First Typewriter.

The first typewriter machine was patented in 1829 by William Austin Burt of Detroit, Mich. It was impracticable for general use. The general use of the typewriter did not begin until 1874.

DEATH OF F. A. BAILEY

Was State's Attorney of Washington County.

DIED AT COLORADO SPRS.

Popular Attorney of Montpelier Had Gone There in Search of Health.

Montpelier, Dec. 10.—State's Attorney Frank A. Bailey who went to Colorado Springs, Colorado for the benefit of his health three weeks ago, died at that place this morning at 1 o'clock, word having been received by Burton E. Bailey of this place this noon. The particulars of the death are not known, but the end was not entirely unexpected as Mr. Bailey had been considerably weaker since reaching Colorado.

The deceased was born at Williamstown 30 years ago, where the most of his life was spent. He attended school at Montpelier seminary from which institution he was graduated. He studied law in the office of F. L. Laird, and was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1888. For a time previous to being admitted he taught school in Williamstown. He located in Montpelier for the practice of his profession and he had since been there, the last year acting as state's attorney, an office to which he was elected a year ago.

In 1890 he was married to Miss Anna Clark of East Montpelier, daughter of Orlando Clark. Mrs. Bailey died one year later. The deceased leaves a father and mother at Williamstown, and two brothers, Burton E. Bailey of Montpelier, and Luther B. Bailey of this town. The funeral arrangements are not completed.

WELL PRESENTED.

"Mr. Bob" Pleased Good Sized Audience at Universalist Vestry.

Those who braved the terrors of last evening's storm and saw the presentation of "Mr. Bob" by members of the Murray class in the Universalist Sunday school, in the church vestry, were well repaid as the piece itself is a very attractive one, and the presentation was quite capable. The vestry was nearly filled. The star of the cast was without doubt J. Ward Carver who took the part of Philip Royson in a manner which was really admirable. Mr. Carver's ability has been proven before, and his work last evening was no disappointment.

THE BAPTIST SALE.

A Good Line of Articles in Vacant Averill Store.

The vacant store in the Averill block has been taken by the ladies of the Baptist church for the sale of articles, and the place has been transformed into a place of beauty under their hands. The sale opened yesterday afternoon and will continue during this afternoon and this evening. In spite of the snow storm the opening was attended by a good number of people, all of whom were well pleased with the display of articles for ornament and use.

BLOCKED BY SNOW.

traffic on Railroad Lines Serious Hampered.

With the first heavy snow-fall of the season the usual blocking of traffic both on the steam and electric cars was experienced here. About a foot of snow fell, and it was not until the middle of the forenoon that the city was dug out and the sidewalks made passable. All the city snow plows were brought into requisition and the snow roller was used on the principal streets.

FOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Tournament Will Be Played at Burlington Beginning January 11.

Arrangements are now perfected for the state chess tournament organized by the Burlington Chess and Checker club. The Burlington club has offered a \$25 chess board for the chess champion of the state. All chess players who are resident in Vermont, regardless of club membership, are invited to join the tournament which will open on Monday, Jan. 11, 1904, at the rooms of the Burlington club, 110 Church street.

JAIL BREAKERS' CASE.

They Will Be Pushed and Severe Sentences May Result.

Montpelier, Dec. 9.—The three jail breakers will be brought into county court the last of next week, if Celley is then in condition, on the charge of breaking jail. The state has decided to push these cases against them and if the maximum penalty is inflicted it will mean five years in state's prison for each man in addition to the punishment for their other crimes.

CHRISTMAS SALES BY LOCAL CHURCHES

Church of the Good Shepherd and the Baptist Church Opened Sales Last Evening.

It wasn't the best of evenings for holding a church fair, but this fact did not seem to deter many from finding their way to the cozy vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd last evening, when the ladies opened a two days sale of useful and fancy articles and also provided an excellent entertainment. The vestry was never more attractive and was in a striking contrast to the rough weather outside.

Booths decorated in varying colors, occupied a good portion of the sides of the vestry and in them were displayed a tempting array of pretty and useful articles, confections, flowers and plants.

Perhaps no booth attracted more attention than that where Miss Angie Badger was busily engaged in making fancy baskets, and the process was watched by many.

At the right Mrs. John Hylaud presided over the lemonade stand.

To the left was the apron booth, with Mrs. James Peet, Mrs. W. B. Fradd and Miss Bella Cordier the ladies in charge.

Next to this was the fancy booth. This is a large one and has a great variety of articles to offer. Mrs. W. H. Pitkin, Mrs. F. G. Howland, Mrs. J. W. Vaughan and Mrs. O. A. Corville attended to the wants of all.

In the right hand corner is a Christmas tree with pretty things on it, which can be purchased from Miss Carrie Draper.

In the opposite corner is the flower booth, with Mrs. F. B. Mudgett and Mrs. W. W. Calder in charge.

The next booth is that devoted to candies with Mrs. T. J. Nolan and Mrs. C. G. Maceo to attend to your wants.

Mrs. Marion French, who is as vigorous at 82 as many half her age, had charge of the table where were sold prayer and hymn books, church calendars, etc. She was assisted by Mrs. Henry Hay.

Next the kitchen is the refreshment booth, in charge of Mrs. W. D. Reid and Mrs. L. R. Rickett, and Miss Fannie Draper.

And last, but not least to many, is the popcorn booth in charge of Mrs. A. Coburn.

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The store is prettily decorated with curtains and bunting so that it presents a very attractive appearance. The general committee which has charge of the sale is Mrs. F. F. Cave, Mrs. E. L. Reynolds, Mrs. W. A. Kinzie and Mrs. H. B. Barnard. They were materially assisted in decorating by Carl M. Perry. The two show windows are filled with fancy articles, sofa pillows, burnt work, dolls, candies, jellies, etc. The windows are so attractive that one can hardly pass by without paying a visit to the interior.

Inside there is a fine arrangement of things. The stock of articles is not large, but everything is of the daintiest. To the right is the candy counter filled with many kinds of sweets. This is tended by Mrs. D. H. Cutler, Miss Rollins and Mrs. Barnard. The apron booth has a great assortment of these useful articles, with Mrs. E. C. French showing them, with Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson and Mrs. O. E. Balch. A counter which has many kinds of articles made by young ladies is presided over by the young ladies of Mrs. E. C. French's and Mrs. D. H. Cutler's Sunday school classes.

The fancy goods table, to women the most attractive on account of the articles it carries, has the usual things for sale, all of which are very pretty. Here the ladies are Mrs. F. F. Cave, Mrs. Winnie Patch, Miss Perrin, Miss Pansy Lewis and Miss Knight. Refreshments in the line of ice cream is dispensed by Mrs. E. L. Reynolds, Mrs. J. H. Cook, Miss Pinkie Lewis and Miss Margie Beach. Preserves, jellies and fruits are sold by Mrs. E. M. Faynor, Mrs. J. A. Denno and Mrs. E. M. Nason at the "Kitchen booth." Not the least attractive of the articles for sale are the plants, including the Jerusalem cherry tree, also a fine lot of burnt work, much of which was done by the pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. W. A. Kinzie.

The whole display is well worth inspecting even if no purchase is made. A charge of ten cents is made for admission, and Mrs. W. A. Perry has charge of this part of the sale. The store was opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be open during the remainder of the afternoon and evening up to 10 o'clock this evening. A graphophone entertainment was given last evening.

EDEN-MARELL.

Marriage of Barre People by B. H. Wells This Forenoon.

Miss Virginia Marell and Eugenio Edeni both of this city were united in marriage at 10 o'clock this morning by B. H. Wells. Miss Adelina Merlo was bridesmaid and Joseph Brevio acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Marell will reside on George street.

WILL DO THEIR PART

The Manufacturers Will Take Big Slice

GRANITE EXHIBIT STOCK

Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association Holds Annual Meeting and Re-elects Old Officials.

The annual meeting of the Granite Manufacturers association was held in the Association rooms last evening, and aside from the election the only business was the discussion of the proposed Barre granite exhibit at the St. Louis fair. Several of the members signified their purpose and agreed to take a liberal amount of stock in the company that is to be organized to finance the exhibit.

The old board of officers was re-elected as follows: President, William Alexander; first vice president, John W. McDonald; second vice president, Wm. Barclay, Jr.; treasurer, George Robins; secretary, James Campbell; executive committee, A. J. Young, D. H. McLeod, James Adie, Dennis Ryle.

RED MEN TOOK DROP LAST EVENING

Foresters of America Cribbage Team Took Six Tables Out of Eight.

The Red Men's cribbage team was again defeated last evening, this time by the F. of A. team who defeated them at six tables to two.

The result of the tables was as follows: W. Mackie and A. Milne, F. of A., defeated W. Bradbury and G. Dink, R. M.; A. Smith and A. Clark, F. of A., defeated R. Murphy and W. Burns, R. M.; C. A. Ellis and A. Caselli, F. of A., defeated J. Dunson and J. Marshall, R. M.; Robertson and O. Burgh defeated J. Dumbroskie and W. W. Russell, R. M.; W. Scott and P. Paterson, F. of A., defeated A. Orr and A. Ross, R. M.; Peter Alexander and A. Schneider, F. of A., defeated I. Wright and A. Forbes, R. M.

A. Robertson and P. Laxon, R. M., defeated G. Stewart and A. Caselli, F. of A.; S. Lind and F. Webster, R. M., defeated W. Roberts and A. Stephen, F. of A.

DECISIONS IN PAVING CASES.

Supreme Court of United States Holds Assessments Constitutional.

The Times is requested to publish the following extracts, which are from "Municipal Engineering," a monthly magazine in New York. The magazine prints each month several pages of court decisions relating to city affairs and those that follow are from the August and December numbers.

Assessments—A statute provides that four fourths of the cost of paving a city street may be imposed upon property-owners by the front foot rule. Held, not obnoxious to the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution. Chadwick vs. Kelly, 23 Sup. Ct. Rep. 175.

Assessments—Where the property owner stands by and permits street improvements to be made without objection he cannot later question his liability for the improvement. A corner lot belongs to two districts and may be assessed twice, once in each, and the fact that the two assessments in the aggregate exceeds the prescribed amount for "any one improvement" 25 per cent of value of abutting property, is not objectionable. Nowien vs. City of Benton Harbor, 96 N. W. R. (Mich) 450.

By a decision of the Illinois Supreme Court, Oct. 29, the city of Chicago will recover \$200,000 in special assessments in the "flat stone and height of curb" case. The Supreme court handed down a decision several years ago, holding a number of street-paving ordinances invalid because they did not definitely describe the number of flat stones to be used or the height of the curb. These decisions caused defaults in the payment of a large number of public improvement bonds. The council passed ordinances two years ago authorizing the levy of supplemental assessments against the property that had escaped paying its share to the improvements through the supreme court decisions. In accordance with the decision rendered Oct. 29, holding these supplemental assessments to be valid, the property owners that escaped the original assessments will now have to pay their shares of the defaulted payments.